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SUBJECT: COMMODITY POLICY: TRAVEL OF JAPANESE GROUP
FROM JAPAN METAL CENTRE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. I. ISHIKAWA, DIRECTOR, LONDON OFFICE OF THE JAPAN
METAL CENTRE, AN AGENCY OF THE GOJ, WILL HEAD A TEAM CON-
SISTING OF HIMSELF, E. MURATA AND T. KITABATAKE ON A
VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 8-12. KITABATAKE, WHO
CALLED ON EMBASSY COMMODITIES OFFICER AUGUST 22, SAID
PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS ORIENTATION, WITH PARTICULAR
INTEREST IN U.S. STOCKPILE POLICY, OUR VIEWS ON EXPROPRI-
ATION AND U.S. COMMODITY POLICY IN LIGHT OF THE SECRE-
TARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ISHIKAWA WAS FORMERLY A COUNSELOR
OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT APPOINT-
MENTS WILL BE SET UP BY THAT EMBASSY. GROUP IS INTERES-
TED IN VISITING DEPARTMENT, GSA, AND PERHAPS INTERIOR,
DOD, COMMERCE AND THE HILL. WE BRIEFED KITABATAKE IN
VERY GENERAL TERMS, SUGGESTING FIRST POINT OF CONTACT
MIGHT BE EB/ISM.

3. EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH THE CENTRE PRIOR
TO THIS, BUT SEES NO OBJECTION TO MISSION. WE WERE IM-
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PRESSED WITH THE EFFORTS THAT KITABATAKE HAS OBVIOUSLY

GONE TO TO BRIEF HIMSELF PRIOR TO THE MISSION.

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